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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Valenrod, Yevgeny

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REDUCING COMPOUNDS FROM
METHANOL CARBONYLATION
PROCESS STREAM

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is filed in response to a Final Office Action dated November 21, 2006. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct \$ 1400 for independent claim fees from deposit account 08-3038/10437.0073.NPUS01. It is believed that no additional fees are due at this time. However, should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the present submission, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account 08-3038/10437.0073.NPUS01.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.